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Fair with slowly rising temperature to-

day; to-morrow unsettled and warmer.

Highest temperature yesterday, 24; lowest, 17.
Detailed weather reports will be found on Editorial page.

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1922.—ENTERED AS SECOND CLASS MATTER POST OFFICE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

POST-WAR POLITICS

Intimates U. S. Financiers

Would Help in a Plan for

Aid if Asked.

NOT AFTER REPARATIONS

Harding's Chief Cabinet Offi-

cer at New Haven Deplores

Conditions Abroad.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALI

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 29 .- Charles

E. Hughes, Secretary of State, told

members of the American Historical

night that an independent commission

of men competent in financial affairs

solution of the European reparation

troubles. Distinguished Americans

free from any responsibility to foreign

offices or any duty to obey political

The Secretary expressed the opinion

that once advantage had been take

of the opportunities that such a com

mission would afford the avenues o

American heipfulness could not fail

the question of reparations lay at the

the United States should take such a

The audience of 3,000 that heard See

retary Hughes speak in Woolsey Hal

clapped heartily when he arrived and

again when he had finished speaking,

role of arbiter in the dispute.

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could accomplish more than a genera

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THE BEST IN ITS HISTORY. The New York Herald, with all that was

best of The Sun intertwined with it, and

the whole revitalized, is a bigger and better

and sounder newspaper than ever before.

### SMITH PLANS TO LET CITIES OWN OR RUN ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES

New Governor Would Read First Message in Order to Stress Policies.

CONDEMNATION CLAUSE

Municipal Ownership Will Eliminate Preferred and Common Stocks.

HYLAN TO GAIN POWER

Governor-Elect 49 Years Old To-day, but Will Have No Special Party.

Special Dispatch to The New York Herald New York Herald Bureau, ) Albany, Dec. 29. { Alfred E. Smith probably will read

his first message to the Legislature in joint session next Wednesday, following the precedent set by President Wilson in going personally before

No Governor of New York, so far as the records show, ever has read a message to the Legislature, but Mr. Smith considers the document he has prepared outlining the policies for his administration to be of such importance that he is determined to attract to it all the attention possible.

The Governor-elect announced to day that the municipal ownership policy which he is to give to the State is the embodiment of the principle laid down in the Wagner-Donohue measure passed by the Senate in 1919 and killed in the Assembly by Speaker specifically with New York subways.

The fundamental principle of the Governor-elect's proposal is that New York and the other cities may own or operate any or all of their public utilities, and the following methods are provided for acquiring them:

A municipality is empowered to enter into an agreement with the owners of any public utility for its purchase. If the city and the owner fall to agree on the price condemnation proceedings are to be begun.

The question of acquiring a public utility is to be passed upon at a special election, and if the governing body of a city falls to act the initiative may be taken by petition.

ming session.

Provision is made for floating munic-

Provision is made for floating municipal bonds, the proceeds from which are to be used for the purchase of utilities. These bonds are outside the constitutional debt limits of the city issuing them and the capacity for purchase of utility properties is bounded only by the willingness of investors to take up this class of securities.

Applied to New York city this would mean that the Hylan administration could negotiate with the interborough and any other utilities for the purchase of their properties. If the owners put a price on their property which Mr. Hylan concedes to be out of line with intrinsic valuation the city could then apply to the courts for condemnation proceedings and take over the property at the price set by the judicial body.

which would eliminate much of the preferred and common stock issued against utility property. Utilities in this class are the Consolidated Gas, the New York and Brooklyn Edison companies.

The creation of a vast Tammany dominated political machine composed of employers and executives of publicly owned utilities is regarded by opponents of the Smith proposal as the purpose back of the project. The Democratic sway in the State for an indefinite future is feared by Republicans as a possible result of the legislation described. It also is regarded as a concession to Hearst which will hold him in line with the organization and the State administration.

In addition to this measure the transit program would abolish the present transit commission in New York city and transfer its powers to the Board of Estimate and legislate out of office the present up-State Public Service Commission.

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To FREE 12 WAR OFFENDERS

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President to Sign New Year Commitations.

To FREE 12 was offended the transit mutation of sentences for twelve or more "political prisoners," but there will be no general amnesty.

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Eiffel Tower's Wireless Does Work of Servant

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nothing as compared with iern wireless, according to President Franchette of the French Soclety for Wireless Study, who has succeeded in making the Eiffel Tower replace at least one servant in his home. At 6 A. M. the Eiffel time signal starts an alarm ringing in M. Franchette's bedroom. While he is dressing an ingenious appara-tus, also controlled by Eiffel's. waves, heats his morning cup of chocolate, automatically stopping when the boiling point is reached. A radio-active pulley draws back the curtains and opens the bedroom shutters, and if M. Fran-chette wishes to write in bed at any hour of the night he merely touches a button and a small desk with paper, pen and ink slowly glides alongside—also under the in-fluence of wireless—while the offi-cial time is reflected on the ceiling

### UNIONS DEMAND U.S. **BUY ALL COAL MINES**

from a radio controlled clock.

for Workings, With Control in Washington.

OFFER A WAGE PLAN TOO

Operators in Resolution Are feet from tower to tower. Blamed for All Ills That Beset Industry.

The United Mine Workers of America will present to the United States Coal Commission next month a plan This will be the companion mining industry which provides for of its transit program, has authorized bill to the transit measure dealing the purchase by the Government of the expenditure of more than \$200,000,-000,000, the creation of a secretary of the organization of a Federal commission of mines and a national mining the miners' convention in 1921.

The report will advocate that the opinion of some of its critics. mmission of mines control the budget and policy of the coal industry on the basis of continual fact finding, and that he national mining council administer

by politicians. It suggests that the membership of the Commission of Mines be limited to eleven, five to be named by professional societies such as the engineering groups and the others to be named by the President.

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pany for damages and was awarded of construction of bridge and stilled. The verdlet was appealed. While establishing the decision that owners are entitled to damages, the

He Tells Board.

Badly Needed for Traffic

liminary Work to Be Taken Up in Week.

BEGINS AT ASTOR PLACE FIRST

Wants to Rebuild Brooklyn Bridge.

Grover A. Whalen, Commissioner of Favor Paying \$4,500,000,000 mitted to the Board of Estimate plans a new East River suspension bridge to cost \$41,820,000.

The plans call for a bridge of the same type as the Manhattan Bridge, only longer and wider, to connect Aster place, Manhattan, with Willlamsburg and Greenpoint, Brooklyn. It would be the longest suspension bridge in the world, measuring 1,800

ter from Commissioner Whalen describing the project and requesting the appropriation of \$200,000 for borings, surveys and detail drawings The proposal will be considered by the Committee of the Whole on Wednesday and referred to the board at its next regular meeting Friday. The Hylan administration, exclusive

the entire industry at a cost of \$4,500,- 000 in civic improvements, including the Court House, \$10,000,000: following: mines in the President's Cabinet, and Staten Island tunnel \$50,000,000; music center, \$20,000,000; new streets, \$50,-000,000; water supply, \$17,000,000; council. The plan will be embodied paving, sewers, &c., \$19,000,000; Bronx in a report of the nationalization com- terminal market, \$7,500,000. The Hylan mittee of the mine workers, which has subway plan will cost an additional been considering the question since \$600,000,000 according to Administration estimates, or \$1,000,000,000 in the

Mr. Whalen's letter said he had two projects under consideration—the new policies, with miners, technicians and bridge and the rebuilding of the Brook-

body of a city falls to act the initiative may be taken by petition.

The purchase of the public utility is to be from money taised by the issue of certificates, covering the capital reeded, drawing interest and backed by the credit of the city.

Critics of Mr. Smith, who have taken the municipal ownership protestations of the Democratic platform with a grain of salt, were surprised to-night by the aweping character of the public ownership ill proposed.

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Sweet Kept Bill Buried.

With the help of Progressive Republican votes in the State Senate the bill was sent over to the Assembly, where Speaker Thaddeus C. Sweet refused to let it come up for debate.

Enactment of the proposed bill promises public ownership and control of every public utility in the State through sweeping powers conferred under condennation proceedings. The capitalization affected by this measure reaches into the billions of dollars, and the bill itself is certain to be the chief measure of opposition on the part of tublic utility management during the coming session.

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### Part of Transit System.

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INSURANCE APPLIES-TO

WEAR ON STOLEN CARS

Decision Makes Companies

Liable for Damage.

Owners of automobiles are entitled to damages from insurance companies for wear and tear on cars while in the hands of thleves under a decision handed down yesterday by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn. The ruling was made in the case of Mrs. Loretta J. Edwards of Hempstead, L. L. whose car was stolen and driven 2,500 miles before it was recovered in North Carolina.

Mrs. Edwards filed suit against the Maryland Motor Car Insurance Company for damages and was awarded \$1,198. The verdiet was appealed. While establishing the decision that owners are entitled to damages the covered existing the decision that owners are entitled to damages the covered in North Carolina.

FIND RECONTINGENCY WOMAN'S

### BODY IN COLD ROOM

At 70 She Lived Alone and Had Two Tons of Coal.

dead last night in a room on the ground floor of her home at 1859 Morris ave-nue. The Bronx. The Medical Examiner, after an examination of the body, said that her death had been caused by the

# WHALEN GIVES PLAN FOUR LA MONTAGNES HARDING REVEALS EUROPEAN PLANS;

Span Across East River Gigantic Conspiracy Involv Bribery Is Alleged.

WANTS \$200,000 NOW NINE OTHERS IN NET

to Have Sold Liquors Illegally on Huge Scale.

Commissioner Says He Also Federal Attorney Hayward Says He Aims to Destroy the Powerful Groups.

Plant and Structures, yesterday sub- Grand Jury has been listening to stories of high class rum running, bition laws. It has heard testimony drivers, warehouse workers clerks and willing to serve on such a commis agents of the Department of Justice.

Morgan E.

Other indictments will follow, there is no promise that men as prominent as these will be accused.

in addition to the La Montagnes the indicted men are Semuel A. Story, vicepresident and general manager of the president and general manager of the Green River Distilling Company; that posed commission to study the repara-Eminence Distillery Company, Inc., and the E. La Montagne's Son's, Inc., of all of which concern's Montaigu La Montagne is president; "Eddie" Harlow, cigar man at the Racquet and Tenuis Cibb, who is charged with being one of the Angell and professors May Farrand and Angell and professors May Farrand and Angell and professors May Farrand and Chib. which concern's Montaign La Montager's president; "Indie" Harvage political instructions, against the Bacquet and Tenuls stated the heling one of the La Montager's agents doing a brief, the heling one of the La Montager's agents doing a brief, the heling of the La Montager's agents doing a brief, the heling of the La Montager's agents doing a brief, the heling of the La Montager's agents doing a brief, the heling of the Law anne with a permit from probability and the heling of the heling

"The first indictment contains two counts, one for conspiracy to violate the National Prohibition act and one for conspiracy to defraud the Government of taxes. The conspiracy includes the of taxes. The conspiracy includes the operations of three companies—Green River Distilling Company, Eminence Distilling Company, Inc., and E. La Montagne's Sons, Inc.—the stock of all

Continued on Page Two.

### Mrs. Loft Silently Resigns Post as Deputy Police Commissioner

Mrs. George W. Loft, for the last twenty months Special Deputy Police Commissioner, announced yesterday she had resigned, effective to-morrow night. Neither Mrs. Loft nor Police Commissioner Enright would tell the reason. During her time in office Mrs. Loft has expanded the women's division of the department of which she has been in charge from humble one room quarters to tenancy of an entire building—what was formerly the West Thirty-seventh street station, pride of the "Tenderloin." A large hospital room was installed as an additional feature by Mrs. Loft. Christmas eve Mrs. Loft gave a party to 500 children and distributed 500 pairs of shoes and stockings, and after that entertained at tea the women who had assisted. During the last few weeks Mrs. Loft has conducted a novement to religious to the presence at her head-objected to the presence at he

## IN HIS SPEECH AT NEW HAVEN

E cannot dispose of these [economic] problems by calling them European, for they are world problems and we cannot escape the injurious consequences of a failure to settle

There will be no adjustment of other needs, however pressing, until a definite and accepted basis for the discharge of reparations claims has been fixed.

for the war. There is not the slightest desire that France shall lose any part of her just claims. On the other hand, we do not wish to see a prostrate Germany. There is one sufficient answer to the suggestion that the United

not been asked. If statesmen cannot agree there should be called to their aid those who can point the way to such a solution.

Why should they not invite men of the highest authority in finance in their respective countries-men of such prestige, experience and honor that their agreement upon the amount to be paid and upon a financial plan for working out the payments would be accepted throughout the world as the most authoritative expression obtainable?

1921 relate to sentiment and purpose, to good will and a better I am strongly in favor of maintaining an efficient navy up to

The conference put a stop to competition in capital ships-the great fighting ships of the rival navies. The naval treaty will stand the test of analysis and fair state-

ment and will be a desirable safeguard and not a menace to our security, and at the same time an important assurance of peace. The four Power treaty solved a great problem [Shantung] while pledging nothing contrary to our traditions. The Chinese treaties gave China a Magna Charta.

### ANGORA TO DECIDE CUNO TO OFFER 40 P.C. FOR PEACE OR WAR OF FIXED INDEMNITY

Awaits Report of Envoy Lausanne on English Oil Demands.

WON'T GIVE UP MOSUL FULL TERMS ARE SECRET Threatens to Call Out Army Paris

An official announcement of the Angora Government to-day further accuses the British military authorities of fortifying Constantinople, in violation of the terms of the Mudania convention. Finally, the Turkish press this morning contains the cryptic announcement that the Russian winter maneuvers have bethe Russian winter maneuvers have be-gun and that four infantry divisions and cavalry division are taking part, sumably on Turkey's eastern border.

"FLORIDA SPECIAL." VIA PENN. AT-LANTIC COAST LINE De Luxe train from Jan. 1 (no extra fars). Choice of 4 other thru trains gives schedules and ac-commodations as desired. 1246 B'way.—Adu.

# STRONG POINTS BY HUGHES

BORAH DROPS HIS CONFERENCE IDEA

We have no desire to see Germany relieved of her responsibility

States should assume the role of arbiter, and that is that we have

The most important results of the Washington corference of

the treaty standard.

'C' Bonds and Put Total at

50,000,000,000 Marks.

Will Be Suggested.

raw materials, would guarantee, it declared, only 20,000,000,000 marks.

Hence the rumor came that Germany would offer 20,000,000,000 marks gold

cause an explosion in France. It is said by many that the Government is ready to offer 40,006,000,000 marks, while

extend-over thirty years and would be

to Back Up Claims Reject-

ed at Conference.

### WITCHES MALICIOUSLY OPENED WRECK TRAINS ing 30,000,600,000 The Government is handleapped also by the torrent of rage started by the note announcing Germany in default. SWITCHES MALICIOUSLY Found Cause of Three Recent

### PREMIERS DISAGREE Will Ask for Economic Meeting Unless Paris Parley Sets One.

PRESIDENT TO ACT IF

FEELERS ARE PUT OUT

European Debt Will Not Be on Agenda Is Express-

ly Stated.

SENATE TALKS ON PLANS

Watson (Ind.) Reveals the Extent of Conversations Begun by Washington.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HOLLS New York Herald Bureau. 1 Washington, D. C., Dec. 20

The Borah amendment authorizing President Harding to call a conference of the Powers on the world economic situation was withdrawn in the

Senator Borah (Idaha), author of the proposal, which took the form of an amendment to the naval appropriations bill, served notice that he would not press it, following ausurances from Administration Senators that President Harding's program of aiding Europe contemplated American participation in a conference on May Ignore 82,000,000,000 r parations.

At the same time the extent of this country's commitments in regard to an economic conference was officially explained at the White House, thus substantiating the assurances given In the Senate.

### America's Protram-

Here are the sum and substance of Hears Four Power the American program as developed to date and officially announced on Treaty to Run Thirty Years behalf of the President:

Should the meeting of the Premiers scheduled to take place in Paris on January 2 fail to result in a reparations agreement the United States Government favors the calling of an international conference to be composed of economists and financiers and sponsored by the Powers interested in reparations. To this conference the United States is prepared to send representatives

with full official standing. 2. The proposed international perts in no circumstances would be held in the United States, for the reason that it is to deal with reparations, and this country is determined to exclude the European debt from the scope of the

3. President Harding wants it clearly understood that as the international debt is excluded so is any idea of the United States Government rushing into Europe to assume the role of arbitration or mediation for the sum that Germany shall pay, and he is equally anxious to have it understood in advance that the conference is not intended to play Germany's hand but to present the

4. The conference under consideration, in the opinion of the President, must be one based on the sanction and consent of the various Powers, who would give their delegates a free hand and who would be appointed by the various Governments. No independent conclave of organizations such as Chambers of Commerce, in the opinion of the President, would be of avail in the

independent judgment of experts.

The announcement on behalf of the President took the form of an amplifi-cation of Secretary Hughes's address before the American Historical Asso-Fanis, Dec. 29 (Associated Press).—
Reports that Withelm Cune, German Chancellor, intends to present to the Premier's Conference definite proposals for a four Fower pact to guarantee the security of France and the present Franco-German frontiers created considerable comment here. This pact would extend over thirty years and would be tention was called to the part of the Secretary's statement which it was inferred adumbrated the Administration's idea of an alternative, if the Paris conference fails.

while it is understood the entire quition of reparations is to be gone over at the coming conference French public opinion is still as unprepared to go cept any reduction in the reparations as it is to consent to a moratorium without INDIANS REJECT BOYCOTT PLAN

GAY: Page 1

GATA, Bengal, British India, Dec. 23. House did not reveal the extent to —A resolution proposing a boycoit of British goods was rejected to-day by the all India Nationalist congress. The congress began its sessions here Tuesday.

House did not reveal the extent by which negotiations for the conference have proceeded or the Governments approached. It was indicated, however, that the second line of defense

more "political prisoners," but there will be no general annesty.

The commutations will be in the nature of a New Yeap's gift. The President granted three Christmas commutations, but not for offenders against war Marsh lived alone, and it was believed time laws.

Cold weather. An autopsy will be personal tasted. During the last few weeks formed this morning.

The police found two tons of coal in the nature of a New Yeap's gift. The President granted three Christmas commutations, but not for offenders against war Marsh lived alone, and it was believed time laws. Loft has conducted a novement patrolman, and the Commissioner had to rid dance. In this movement she reported and been given great against more by the had been given great against more by managers of many of the hulls, who the incident and Mrs. Loft's unexpected had formed an association and adopted

# FOR BIGGEST BRIDGE INDICTED IN RACQUET HUGHES BIDS NATIONS CALL EXPERTS; TO COST \$41,820,000 CLUB BOOTLEG PLOTS

SECRETARY BLAMES ing Forgery, Perjury and

Proposals for Start of Pre- Three Companies Declared

BIG ROUNDUP

For almost a month the Federal bootlegging, permit forging, tax dodging and general defiance of the prohifrom members of the Racquet and Tennis Club. from men prominent in society and finance, from truck the Secretary said, would no doubt be

Yesterday, as a result, the Grand Jury handed to Judge John C. Knox two indictments charging these things instructions. to thirteen men, and as the chief conspirators the indictments name the four La Montagne brothers-Rene M., the celebrated polo player; Montaigu. head of the business combination of the four brothers; William A. and

These names are the greatest, from points of influence, social standing and toot of any economic settlement, the importance of connection, that have Secretary said that he did not believe yet been mentioned as defendants in alleged violations of the Volstead law. taken by the Grand Jury used in bringing the Montagne indictments.

In addition to the La Montagnes the but the address was broken only once

### dig trenches at Chanak had molested Turkish women and were saved from arrest by Turkish police through the efforts of the British military, which fired on the Turks, killing one and Not Seeking Our Reparations. fired on the Turks, killing one and wounding two. An official announcement of the